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Dear Community Member:

Under Ohio law, the legislative authorities of a political subdivision have the right to object to the renewal of liquor permits and request a hearing based on those objections. In order for this to occur, Columbus City Council must submit a resolution specifying the reasons for the objections to the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control before January 1, 2010. City Council's last meeting this year is December 14 and the resolution must be passed on or prior to this date.

The Office of Columbus City Attorney, Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. and the Columbus Division of Police lead the investigative process that assists City Council with determining whether legally sufficient evidence exists to support an objection.

Objections must be based on grounds set forth in Ohio Revised Code §4303.292(A)(1) and (2) outlined below:

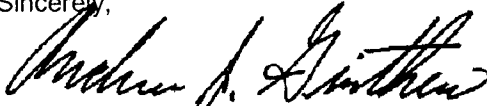
1. The applicant has operated the liquor permit business in a manner that demonstrates a disregard for the laws, regulations, or ordinances of this state or any other state. R.C. 4303.292(A)(1)(b).
2. The place for which the permit is being sought is so located with respect to the neighborhood that substantial interference with public decency, sobriety, peace or good order would result from the renewal of the permit and operations there under by the applicant. R.C. 4303.292(A)(2)(c).


Please share this information with your organization members. If your area commission, civic association or neighborhood organization would like to request that an objection be filed, it is imperative that you submit a letter to Columbus City Attorney, Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.'s office **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2009** to allow for a proper investigation of the establishment. In the letter, please state the reasons why the liquor permit premises is a problem and include as much detail as possible about the problems your community has incurred as a result of the establishment. This is your opportunity to bring to our attention, those premises which might be a problem in your community. In your letter, please designate a contact person within your organization so that City Attorney Pfeiffer's office can remain in contact with your organization during the process.

Please send your correspondence to: Office of Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.
ATTN: Natalia Harris, Assistant City Attorney
90 W. Broad Street, Room 200
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Harris or Kenneth Paul at 614.645.2931, or kcpaul@columbus.gov. Your assistance in this process is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


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